



## **King County**

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## **FINAL PROGRAM DESIGN**

### **Veterans and Human Services Levy: 5.3**

#### **Create a profile of offenders in King County with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders**

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##### **1. Goal (overarching investment strategy)**

The Veterans and Human Services Levy Service Improvement Plan (SIP) set a goal of increasing the effectiveness of resource management and evaluation (page 27 of the SIP).

##### **2. Objective (specific investment strategy)**

Gathering and analyzing data regarding individuals with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders who are involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems will provide valuable information for service planners and potential funders of service in identifying needs and targeting resources to better meet the needs of these populations (page 27 of the SIP).

##### **3. Population focus**

Individuals with mental illness and/or chemical dependency who are homeless; involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems; or use publicly funded mental health or chemical dependency outpatient, inpatient, or emergency services.

##### **4. Need or Risk Information**

See *Prevalence of Mental Illness, Chemical Abuse and Homelessness: Individuals in jails, emergency services and mental health/chemical dependency treatment* – May 2007.

##### **5. Total Dollars Available**

\$120,000

\$ 60,000 from Human Services funds

\$ 60,000 from Veterans funds

##### **6. Geographic Coverage**

Profile includes all of King County

##### **7. Program Strategy Description**

See Prevalence Study

**8. Disproportionality Reduction Strategy**

Not applicable. However, the profile includes information on disproportionality and will be used to help target resources for those populations that are most at risk and that are disproportionately homeless and involved in the criminal justice system.

**9. Coordination/Partnerships**

This profile was also requested by the Metropolitan King County Council in Council Motion 12320 related to the mental health sales tax option. The profile completed by staff from MHCADSD serves the purposes of both the Veterans and Human Services Levy Service Improvement Plan and the King County Council in having more information available in determining needs and allocating resources. The Council took the first step toward consideration of the sales tax option on October 8, 2007 by passing Motion 2007-0355, accepting the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Action Plan.

**10. Timeline**

Work was completed in April 2007 according to the council requested timeline.

**11. Funding/Resource Leverage**

Funding is one time and is from the both the Veterans and Human Services funds in equal portions. Funding pays for the work of a team of MHCADSD staff that was completed over a four-month period. The team that worked on the study was directed by the System Performance and Evaluation Section Coordinator, and included a PhD epidemiologist, two PhD psychologists with expertise in program evaluation and research, and three data analysts and program managers.